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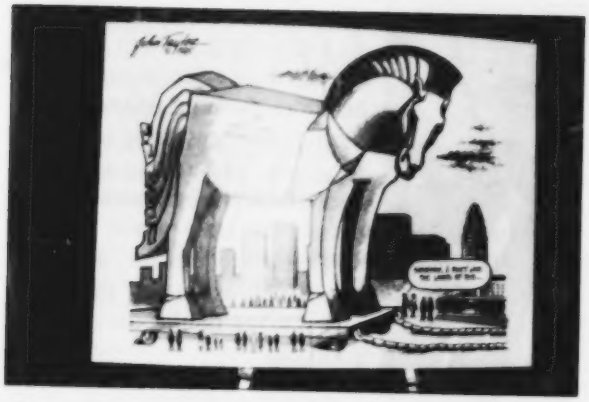

The sanctuary movement can best be described as a Trojan horse—humanitarian-looking on the outside, but highly political inside. The analogy has captured the imagination of political cartoonists nationwide. Reprinted with permission from The San Pedro News-Pilot.

Q. What will INS do if informed that a church is harboring or providing santuary to illegal aliens?

R. It is not the policy of INS to seek illegal aliens in churches, schools, residences or similar institutions.

Q. Isn't the U.S. a signee of a United Nations agreement that persons will not be deported to a country where they will be persecuted?

R. Yes. And we adhere closely to that agreement. Persons who can establish a well-founded fear of persecution based upon their race, religion, political opinion, nationality or membership in a particular social group are eligible for asylum. This is the standard outlined in the Refugee Act of 1980 which codified our adherence to the various UN Protocols and Conventions. That is what the UN agreement calls for. It should be noted that Mexico also offers such protection, as a matter of policy, and is the country which most El Salvadorans pass through on their way to the United States.

Q. Why are Poles allowed to stay here while El Salvadorans are removed?

R. The deferral of deportation for Poles was requested by the Department of State as a result of their analysis of conditions in that country. There has been no such request by State to INS concerning El Salvador.

Extended voluntary departure is only rarely granted. It is done by the joint agreement of the Department of State and Justice. It is the State Department's conclusion that conditions in Poland warrant EVD while those in El Salvador do not.

The head of an international agency, the Intergovernmental Committee on Migration which monitors El Salvadorans returning from the United States, was quoted in an interview in the San Francisco Examiner in December as saying he is convinced that most Salvadorans come to the United States to obtain jobs rather than to escape violence or persecution.

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Former WR Commissioner Dies

Former Western Regional Commissioner Ed O'Conner is dead at 58 after a lengthy illness.

O'Conner had been Regional Commissioner of the Southern Region, based in Dallas, Texas, since leaving the Western Region in February 1983.

He died March 21 at the Baylor Medical Center in Dallas. One of four regional commissioners in the country, O'Connor joined the INS in 1972 and held various posts in Washington, D.C., before coming to California.

"Ed O'Connor was a courageous man and a dedicated public servant. He devoted his entire life to law enforcement and loved this country dearly," said INS Commissioner Alan Nelson.

Born in Yonkers, N.Y., he served in the U.S. Marine Corps in the South Pacific during World War II and during the Korean conflict. He attended the University of Maryland on a football scholarship and had a degree in accounting.

After graduation, he worked for the FBI for several years before going into private business in South America.

He was married to the former Shirley E. Smith and had five children and three grandchildren. He was buried in Arlington, Texas.

Ed O'Connor

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Regional Commissioner's Corner

Harold Ezell

I think we can all look back on 1985 with pride in our accomplishments. The Western Region has made great strides and is privileged to be a part of the "best" agency in the federal government.

Our programs were positive and we were aggressive in carrying them out. We saw mountains of backlogs dwindle. We saw hard-hitting programs bring savings to taxpayers and jobs to U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents. We saw public support swing heavily our way as we aggressively explained the depth and danger of the illegal alien problem.

Facing the challenges of 1986, we have chosen "Innovation and Pride" as our motto. Each of us should think of these two goals as we go about our tasks for it is only by their daily application that we will be able to look back at this time next year to a "job well done."

We must be innovative because, to some degree, we may have to make necessary financial adjustments with respect to the Gramm-Rudman measure. We must keep in mind, too, the INS and Western Region commitment to reduce the cost of government.

I approach the job in 1986 with great enthusiasm. I believe we have laid the groundwork for even greater accomplishments and the most exciting times in INS history, particularly in the Western Region, lie just ahead.

In what was truly a milestone, it is important to recognize the role public opinion played in forcing the Los Angeles City Council to rescind its sanctuary resolution on February 7, 1986. This action proved that the public can make a difference and prompt elected officials to take affirmative action. Hopefully, this support will carry over to the Simpson-Rodino immigration reform bill.

I have confidence, too, in the men and women of the Western Region. I have seen you at work and I have the deepest respect for your professionalism. All of this bodes extremely well for us in 1986.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS SPOTLIGHT

By Harold Ezell
Regional Commissioner

For some time now, I have been looking for a way to reach out to all employees to communicate to you my views on what it takes to develop and maintain a good labor-management relationship.

Hopefully, this column will serve as a forum to discuss problems of mutual concern to us. This column will not be a forum for my intervention into labor-management problems which should continue to be resolved at the local level. Some of the approaches we plan to take in this column include a question and answer segment, spotlighting successful resolutions of labor-management problems, or effective union-management relationships.

First of all, let me say that I believe the main ingredients in any relationship are those of communication, respect and mutual trust. I realize that it's not possible to like everyone you deal with, but you should respect each person and give him/her the benefit of the doubt in establishing and maintaining a good working relationship. By doing this, I believe that big problems will become smaller and small problems will disappear.

The roles of the Supervisor and the Union Steward require a lot of effort if the employee and the Service are to benefit and relationships are to be effective. The following are a few suggestions on how I feel the relationships can become more productive.

Union Stewards should respect the role of the Supervisors and offer them assistance. When Supervisors are approached in a respectful way, they will react in a positive way. By the same token, if a Steward attacks a Supervisor without knowing the complete facts of a case, the instinct is to fight back and this interferes with the resolution of problems of mutual interest. Mutual cooperation is essential towards achieving the same goals—a better Immigration and Naturalization Service.

When an employee designates the Union to represent him or her in a grievance, the Union acts as a mediator between the employee and the Supervisor. When the Union brings complaints and/or grievances to the attention of a Supervisor, they should be reviewed and answered courteously and directly. Remember, the Steward is often not expressing his/her personal feelings but is doing the job of representing the bargaining unit in the best way he/she knows how. The issues may at times be sensitive but the Steward has a job to do and the Supervisor should respect their role.

If you are a Supervisor and are thinking of making changes affecting the bargaining unit, call the Steward in and ask for his or her advice on the proposed changes. Your courtesy in keeping the Steward informed should dispel any belief he or she may have that you are trying to "put one over" on him.

I have made it a practice to attend Union meetings and would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Unions for giving me this opportunity to be involved.

In conclusion, I thank all of you for your efforts in improving the image of the Western Region. Please feel free to submit any comments, questions and/or suggestions to the Newsletter Editor which you may have to make this column beneficial to everyone.

Commissioners Pay Visit To Wounded Agent

Regional Commissioner Harold Ezell, left, and INS Commissioner Alan C. Nelson are shown visiting Border Patrol Agent William V. Beaumet who was shot five times in the legs in Vista by David Lopez Arguella, 27, an illegal alien. Arguella allegedly shot Beaumet twice in the legs, then deliberately fired three more rounds into his legs. Commissioner Nelson used the opportunity to present to Beaumet the Commissioner's Award for Excellence in Group Achievement for his work with the Border Crime Prevention Unit. Posting a $10,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of Arguella, Mr. Ezell remarked that "the execution-style shooting won't be tolerated." Beaumet is recovering at his residence.

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Highlights Of The Western Region Annual Meeting

U.S. Attorney Peter Nunez of San Diego cradles Statue of Liberty presented to him during INS—U.S. Attorneys' Conference.

Julio Millan

Western Regional Commissioner Harold Ezell (right) introduces Dick Ruiz, Director of Agency Financial Assistance for Orange County during Regional Conference. Mr. Ruiz received Statue of Liberty replica in recognition of his agency's participation in the SAVE program to deter illegal aliens from fraudulently receiving social security benefits.

Los Angeles Police Department's Noel Cunningham, Narcotics Division, told Western Regional Conference that of 1,600 people arrested recently, 63 percent of those involved in narcotics were illegal aliens.

Mexico's Economy Shows No Sign Of Immediate Growth

An assessment of Mexico's socio-economic status was presented by Julio Millan, an economist and advisor to President de la Madrid during the Western Regional Conference. Mr. Millan gave an interesting overview of the forces causing illegal immigration from Mexico.

He said the following are significant social and demographic characteristics of the illegal migrant: average age is slightly above 27 years old; the average age at *initial* migration is 23 years old; average schooling is five years or less; migrants are residents, originally, of impoverished rural communities; and around 70 percent of them are single when they emigrate for the first time.

According to Mr. Millan, during their stay in the United States, illegal migrants use their earnings to support a family with an average of 4.1 members. Between 30 and 40 percent of illegal Mexican migrants remit each month an amount ranging from 130 to 162 dollars to their families in Mexico.

Another distinctive characteristic of Mexican illegal migrants is the family connection. There seems to exist a tradition in some families to move to the United States to work. That is, at least one of the parents of more than half of those interviewed had worked in the United States, while 75 percent of illegal migrants have brothers or sisters working in the United States. Some

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Moschorak Honored By FEB

Associate Regional Commissioner, Operations Robert M. Moschorak, right, receives a top award of the Los Angeles Federal Executive Board from movie star John Travolta, who was the guest of honor for the Board. Mr. Moschorak received the runnerup award in the Outstanding Supervisor category. The awards were presented in February at the Proud Bird Restaurant.

Ex-CPA Bill King Back On Board As ROLIT Officer

Bill King hung up his Border Patrol gun and badge more than two years ago, but the pull of the Service was stronger than "retirement" days in a cushy corporate security job.

"Actually, I never retired in the sense that I quit working," grinned Bill. Western Regional Commissioner Harold Ezell was successful in luring Bill out of "retirement" and back onto the INS payroll last November.

He joined the Regional Executive Staff as Special Assistant to the Commissioner and Chief Legalization Officer.

During his "retirement" time, Bill was head of the security planning for the wrestling events at the Los Angeles Olympics and later was chief of security for the Southern California operations of Guardsmark Inc.

Bill is also a working member of Commissioner Nelson's sanctuary committee.

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Bill King

Sanctuary Movement

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Q. What is the difference in conditions in El Salvador, where hundreds of persons are reportedly being killed, and in Poland where few, if any killings have been reported?

R. For a comparison of conditions in the two countries, you must talk with the Department of State. However, asylum is granted on an individual case by case basis, rather than by nationality. We do not favor nationals of any country being granted asylum over nationals of any other country.

Q. Are foreign policy considerations the reason that so few El Salvadorans are granted asylum and have not been granted deferred departure?

R. Asylum applications are considered individually on a case by case basis. INS sends all applications to the Department of State for an advisory opinion.

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'A Job Well Done'

Shaky Man + Suspect Suitcase = 5 lbs. Heroin

Thanks to two alert and savvy immigration inspectors, 8.5 pounds of high-quality Asian heroin never made its way to the streets of San Francisco.

"The visa page on his passport didn't look right. It was a different color," said Inspector Andrew Ho, who was manning a primary inspection post at San Francisco International Airport.

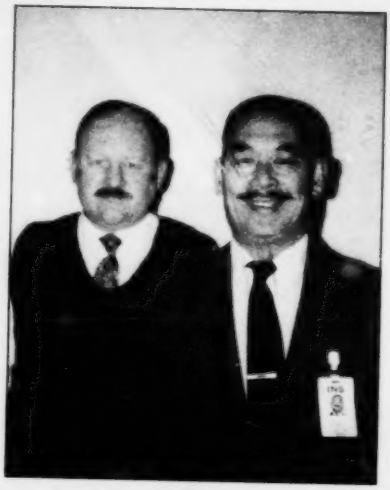
The object of attention was a 28-year-old Thai merchant, Sitthichai Siritanapiwat, who had just gotten off a plane from Bangkok.

So, following his natural instincts, Andy took the suspect to secondary and put him into the capable hands of Inspector Edward Tharp.

By this time, it wasn't the Thai's passport that gave him away; it was his body English, or Thai, as the case may be.

"But I took him directly to Customs. In five minutes, they (Customs) came back all smiling and patting me and Andy on our backs. The heroin was behind the lining in the suitcases," Ed said.

"He was pale—his carotid arteries were really pumping. He was shaking all over," Ed said.



Inspectors Tharp And Ho

"I couldn't substantiate Andy's suspicions. The visa page looked all right to me. But the two suitcases just didn't feel right after he opened them," Ed said.

Ed then did an important thing—he admitted the Thai. (If he hadn't, there possibly could have been some complications in any subsequent legal action.)

Customs estimated the street value of the heroin at $135 million.

It also turned out, upon closer inspection by experts, that Andy was dead right—the visa page had been altered.

For their reward, Ed and Andy got a letter of commendation from Customs District Director Paul R. Andrews. San Francisco District Director David Ilchert concurred and ordered the letters to be a part of their personnel files.

But more important to the two inspectors —"We kept some of that garbage off the streets," said Ed.

Arrests Continue To Skyrocket

Border Patrol arrests of illegal aliens in Arizona and California set a new monthly record in April, up 53 percent over last April and topping the 100,000 figure for the first time in history.

April's total apprehensions by the five Border Patrol sectors numbered 103,594 compared with 67,853 for last April.

Regional apprehensions for the first seven months of Fiscal Year 1986 are up 41 percent over the same period last year. There have been 508,877 apprehensions so far this fiscal year compared with 361,317 last fiscal year.

The San Diego sector set a new monthly record in April with 71,910 apprehensions and also set a single-day sector record on April 13, 1986, when 3,385 illegal aliens were arrested.

The Tucson Border Patrol Sector also set a new monthly apprehension record of 6,801 in April.

Other sector April figures are: Yuma, 9,951 apprehensions, a 25 percent increase over the 7,982 arrested in April 1985; El Centro, 9,984, a 33 percent increase over the 7,486 for April 1985; Livermore, 4,948, a 15 percent increase over the 4,288 apprehended in April 1985.

Door Is Open

During the 35-year span, 1951-1985, some 359,072 Central Americans have lawfully immigrated to the United States. Of this number, 93,301 were El Salvadorans. So there's no substance to the report that El Sals can't come here. Total immigration for the 35-year span was 12.9 million.

Everybody's Coming

OTMs (other-than-Mexicans) arrested by the San Diego Border Patrol Sector is setting new records, up last month by 93 percent over April 1985, and representing 30 different countries.

Every 36 Seconds

You think we don't have a human invasion of illegal aliens at our Southern Border? Consider this: one illegal alien is apprehended every 36 seconds in the San Diego Border Patrol Sector.

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When that advisory is received by INS, a decision is made on the application by a non-political career government employee.

Further these decisions are reviewable by immigration judges, the Board of Immigration Appeals, and the various judicial circuit courts.

Q. Why does INS secretly tape record church services? Isn't that an invasion of privacy and doesn't that set up a

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Hugg Is New ARC, Investigations

Richard "Rick" Hugg is the new Assistant Regional Commissioner, Investigations. He succeeds Joe Thomas who has been promoted to deputy district director of the Los Angeles District Office.

A native of Lancaster, Minn., Rick is a political science graduate of Mankato State University in Mankato, Minn. He also was a staff member of the college newspaper.

Rick entered on duty with INS in April 1971 as an investigative trainee in the Chicago District Office, rising to supervisor in 1978. He was named assistant officer in charge of the Hammond, Indiana, Office in 1980. He became officer in charge of the Cincinnati Office in 1982 and held that job until his present appointment.

'Rick' Hugg

Rick and his wife, Jeanne, have three children, Eric, 8, Jordan, 5, and Rachel, 2. They reside in Laguna Hills.

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In his new Regional job, Bill is a troubleshooter for Mr. Ezell and will organize the legalization effort once legislative reform is enacted. This will require the opening of 28 offices and training of some 550 personnel.

A recipient of the Commissioner's Distinguished Career Service Award, Bill entered on duty with the Border Patrol in October 1957 at McAllen, Texas. He rose through the Border Patrol ranks, serving at stations in Texas, Maine, Florida, New York, Vermont and California. In 1975, he was named Regional Deportation Officer in the Eastern Region.

In 1977, he was named Chief Patrol Agent at the U.S. Border Patrol Academy at Glynco, Georgia and the next year he became the deputy at El Centro. He was named Chief Patrol Agent at El Centro in November 1979 and held that post until his retirement.

Unit Cited

Robert Moschorak, Associate Regional Commissioner, Operations, second from left, presents a special citation to Robert Roll, Officer in Charge, El Centro Detention Facility, recognizing the staff's professionalism in quelling without incident a recent hunger strike.

From left, are Cliff Rogers, Deputy District Director, San Diego; Jim Turnage, District Director, San Diego, and Don Looney, Assistant Regional Commissioner, Detention & Deportation.

Milans Brightens Workday At San Francisco DO

Everybody who works around Oscar Milans seems in agreement—he is a one-man courtesy campaign.

"I am just grateful for the job. . .to be allowed to be a part of INS," says Oscar.

"He is extremely courteous and a hard worker. He goes out of his way to help people," said his boss, Maria Navarro, supervisory contact representative.

Oscar is fast becoming a legend around the San Francisco District Office where he entered on duty in January 1984 as a fingerprint clerk.

He is not unlike most INS employees except for one major thing—he suffers from multiple sclerosis and is confined to a wheelchair.

How does one, living with a crippling disease and facing the heavy pressure of INS public contact work, maintain such a cheerful outlook?

"I've seen both sides of the border," responds Oscar, a native of Uruguay who first arrived in the United States in 1970 and became a citizen in July 1976. "Being born outside the United States makes you appreciate everything. . .everything here."

Oscar Takes Prints

When the fingerprint clerk's job was abolished, Oscar was moved "out front" to meet the public and to be a general information person. "His speaking Spanish certainly has been a big asset, too," said Ms. Navarro.

Oscar, 42, has even expanded the job, giving out forms and assisting people wherever and whenever he can. "He appears to be bringing back the position of port receptionist in the information room," observed administrative officer Ken Pace.

It's not unusual to see Oscar talking, giving out directions, and so forth in the halls, elevators, even in front of the building.

"Many of these people can't speak English. They don't understand the system. They are discouraged and afraid," says Oscar.

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Outstanding Awards Go To San Francisco Employees

Left to right: 1st row—Gary D. Lazarus, Adrienne A. Rios, Carmen Gonzales, Raymond L. Holton, Christine C. Osmun, Mario G. Navarro, Tony C. T. Ju. 2nd Row— David N. Ilchert, Joseph F. Brandon, Jr., Ron E. Higgins, Philip L. Waters, Gloria J. Camba, Harold W. Ezell, Thomas M. Baranick, Kevin P. Doyle, Craig Barlow, Julie M. Ramirez. 3rd row—Arthur Shanks.

'Art' Morris Joins Regional Staff

W.A. (Art) Morris, formerly Chief of Facilities and Engineering at Central Office, has been named architect for the Western Region.

Art, who reported for duty in September, will be responsible for solving facility space and engineering problems for the Region.

A native of Santa Rosa, California, Art's immediate assignment is planning and designing the Regional office move to Laguna Niguel.

A graduate of the University of Southern California, Art came to INS in 1975 from the Corps of Engineers where he was Chief of Facilities and Engineering. Prior to that, he was with the U.S. Postal Service.

Before entering government service, Art was corporate architect for the Rockwell Corporation.

He and his wife, Betty, have two children, Steven 22, and Lisa, 19. They reside in Laguna Hills.

'Art' Morris

How to Respond to 'Sanctuary'

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confrontation between churches and the federal government?

R. INS does not record church services, nor do they "spy" on congregations. The only instance in which any recordings were made in or around churches involved the case in Arizona where church members and officials had publicly stated that they were bringing illegal aliens into the country, and there were strong indications they were plotting these illegal activities in meetings at church halls. I can assure you that INS has historically worked hand in hand with churches in the placement of refugees. We do not look for confrontation. If, however, a criminal act is taking place, INS is compelled to investigate it. Before any activity would be undertaken involving church members, it is reviewed at the highest levels of the Justice Department and it would not be lightly undertaken.

Black History Week Big Success

Regional Commissioner Harold Ezell greets Wanda Moore, Executive Assistant, Office of the Mayor of Los Angeles, who participated in the regional observance of Black History Month. Ms. Moore rose to her present post from a clerk-typist position. She also hosts two television shows.

From succulent soul food to the stirring strains of "Jerusalem," Western Regional Office employees participated in "Black History Week" February 10-14 celebrating the heritage and contributions of blacks to mankind.

"I believe this was one of our most meaningful celebrations because everyone in the Regional Office seemed to thoroughly enjoy the occasion," said Velma Rose, Detention and Deportation secretary and chief coordinator.

Western Regional Commissioner Harold Ezell welcomed the participants at the opening ceremony, urging regional employees to attend the several sessions. "This is a significant event and we should be grateful for the contributions Blacks have made to our society," he said.

The opening prayer was given by the Rev. Clifford Harris, pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church. Budget Clerk Edwin Brown introduced the guest speakers, the Rev. Dwayne Byrdsong, pastor of Maranatha Missionary Baptist Church, and Wanda Moore, Executive Assistant to Mayor Tom Bradley.

The second day activities featured opening remarks by Lawrence Bogus, and a workshop entitled, "Your Attitude is Showing," conducted by Dorothy Bradley, INS Los Angeles.

Los Angeles artist, Zookenstein, stole the show the third day with his "Heroes" creations which consisted of portraits of famous Blacks and others and great words attributed to them about freedom and equality. Rich Wair gave the opening remarks.

Opening remarks on the fourth day were given by Elaine Soils, ROBUD, followed by a workshop on "Human Relations" conducted by Nathaniel Brooks, a Dale Carnegie Institute instructor. Reuben Green delivered the opening remarks on the final day, followed by a panel on "Motivation," featuring Elizabeth Davis, Beverly Wilson and Frances Gregory.

The celebration was capped off with a concert by the Abyssinian Baptist Church Choir and a big dinner, featuring such delicacies as barbecued pigs feet, fried chicken, yams, okra, corn bread, green and other native dishes.

Also assisting in the planning for the event were Joan Smith, Frizetta Mason, Cydra Mattis, Kimberly Pep, Melvin Straughter, Diane Wair, Kimberly Mills, Sherry Montgomery, Walter Likely and Phyllis Stubbs.

Bill Carroll Is Selected To Head Sacramento Office

Bill Carroll, the new Officer In Charge of the Sacramento Office, holds the distinction of being the first and only INS investigator to be awarded the Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service.

Bill, who took over the Sacramento Office on February 3, won the award in 1980 for his superlative undercover work on "Operation Handlebar," an anti-smuggling case out of the New York District Office.

A native of Brooklyn, New York, Bill entered on duty with the INS in 1972 as an investigator in the New York Office. He holds a bachelor's degree from St. Francis College and a master's degree in criminal justice from John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Both are in New York City. He has also taught criminal justice courses at the college level.

He was training coordinator for the New York Office in 1978 and later was detailed to Glynco as an instructor. He became program manager for the Anti-Smuggling Unit at the Eastern Regional Office in Burlington, Vermont, in 1983 and held that post until his transfer to Sacramento.

Bill and his wife, Anne Marie, have three children, Christine, 9, Allison, 5, and Katherine 5. The latter two are twins.

Bill Carroll

Employees Of The Month

JANUARY 1986

Connie Joul	Classification Clerk	Regional Office
William Tait	Examiner	San Francisco DO
Al Narcisco	Inspector	Honolulu DO
Anna Tapia	Clerk-Typist	Nogales POE
Josephine Vargas	Inspector	San Ysidro POE
Joseph A. Farnham	BP Agent	Nogales Station
Michael L. Gerleve	BP Agent	El Centro Sector
Peggy B. Aragon	Veh Seizure Clerk	Livermore Sector
Kevin B. Rudd	BP Agent	San Diego Sector
George A. Lee	BP Agent	Blyth Station

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Laurie Jean Jacobs	Examiner	Regional Office
Diane Leis	Deport Officer	San Francisco DO
Dorothy Church	Clerk	Honolulu DO
Hilda Garcia	Contact Rep.	San Luis POE
Anthony Cerone	Detention Officer	San Diego DO
Daniel J. Vela	Inspector	Calexico POE
Brent L. Easton	BP Agent	Tucson Sector
Johnny P. Rojas	BP Agent	El Centro Sector
Louis Portillo Jr.	Detention Officer	Livermore Sector
Frank Rivera	Detention Officer	San Diego Sector
Walter Hummel	BP Agent	Yuma Station

Yuma Border Patrol Awards

Outstanding certificates recently were presented by Yuma Sector Chief Dale Cozart (center rear) to Olla Estes, Daniel Soto, John A. Tedford and James H. Wimberly, all senior Border Patrol Agents. John T. Ward, second from right, received a quality increase.

Mrs. Hazue Torigoe Retires With 32 Years INS Service

Hazue Torigoe

Mrs. Hazue M. Torigoe of the Honolulu District Office retired in January after 32 years' service with INS. She was a contact representative.

District Director William W. Craig presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation and a miniature replica of the Statue of Liberty at the retirement party held at the Kahala Hilton Hotel. Hawaii's four Congressmen also sent her congratulatory messages. She was also presented a luggage set.

She entered on duty in April 1953, working in the Entry and Departure Section and later transferring to the Citizenship Section. After a two-year tour in the Chicago District Office, she transferred back to Honolulu in 1957. She and her husband, David, plan to travel a lot.

Mexico

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4 percent of married men who had worked in this country have one or two children who have traveled to the United States.

Mr. Millan said analyses of the causes of illegal immigration, revealed in numerous studies, converge on the economic factor. Migrants seek to find work in the United States to increase their family income—a

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Rounding The Region

Assaults On Border Patrol Agents Rise Sharply

Assaults on Border Patrol agents in the San Diego Sector have escalated sharply, jumping almost 38 percent during last fiscal year. "These violent incidents continue to dramatically and regrettably confirm our worst fears that our borders are dangerously out of control," said Western Regional Commissioner **Harold Ezell.** There were 77 Border Patrol agents assaulted in the Sector in FY 1985 compared with 56 for FY 1984. The assaults ranged from shootings to scuffles along the sector which includes 66 miles of border.

Two recent graduates of the U.S. Border Patrol Academy have parents in the service in the Western Region. **Sheri Page** will be assigned to El Paso. Her dad, Bob, is an anti-smuggling agent at San Ysidro. **George E. McCubbin III** will also be stationed in El Paso. He is the son of San Ysidro Assistant Port Director **George McCubbin.**

EWI (Entry Without Inspection) took a turn for the worse when an EWI roamed across the border near Jacumba and became a traffic fatality. The EWI, a cow, was seriously injured and the Jacumba Fire Chief asked Border Patrol Agent **Jim Hayden** to administer the coupe de grace.

Maybe it's not a record, but try to top it. **Richard Jones** of the Florence detention facility played Santa Claus at eight different charity functions last Noel. All he needed was the suit. The beard and mustache are au naturel. "Been doing it 15 years," says Richard.

No way did it resemble the car chase in the movie, "Bullitt," but Border Patrol agents from Tucson caught their quarry and confiscated a front-end loader Case tractor, to boot. It happened during a Tucson construction site survey. Two illegals pounced onto the tractor and gunned it full-speed. A Border Patrol vehicle took off in hot pursuit. Rounding a corner, the agents saw the tractor parked in the middle of the street. A search revealed the two illegals crouched down in the loader which was at its highest point. Anyone need a good, slightly used tractor?

Los Angeles District Office Special Agent **Donald McDole** has re-upped in the U.S. Army reserve. T/Sgt. McDole has 16 years' service, including two tours in Vietnam. Swearing him in was fellow agent, **Dan Hudson,** a United States Army Reserve major. Witness was another fellow agent, M/Sgt. **Gary Laverty.**

Latest reports have Western Regional Office Detention & Deportation Officer **Phil Crawford** headed South to learn the fine art of bullfighting. Phil recently was examining a possible detention site near Brea, California, when a cow took exception to his presence. "That cow chased me clean out of there," Phil reflected.

"ATTA BOY" awards for Brown Field Border Patrol agents who assisted other law enforcement units in capturing two suspected killers of a female deputy sheriff, **Kelly Bazer,** during a Spring Valley convenience store robbery. Agent **Kevin Rudd** happened to pull alongside the suspects' van and they bolted into the woods. Rudd sounded the alarm and a perimeter was thrown up. Agents captured the duo after tracking them all night.

After years of discussion, the Border Patrol has a museum. It is located in the Cortez Building basement in El Paso and has almost 2,000 feet of display and office space. Commissioner **Nelson** and others were on hand for the Oct. 1 opening. Vice President **Sue Turner,** wife of the late Border Patrol Agent **William Turner,** said the admission is free, so y'all come.

Otay Mesa Port One Year Later

The Otay Mesa Port of Entry, celebrating its first anniversary in February, has grown into a bustling port, topping 5.6 million entrants during the 12-month span.

"We fully expect all of our activities to more than double in this our second year," said Port Director Thomas D. O'Donnell.

For example, he pointed out, there were a total of 272,000 entrants in February 1985 compared with 554,000 in February 1986. Vehicle crossings for the same period jumped from 91,000 to 186,000.

On the criminal side, six vehicles were seized and six smuggling cases were made in February 1985 compared with 40 seizures and 45 smuggling cases in February 1986.

Tom said he felt that the opening of Otay Mesa has relieved some of the pressure at the San Ysidro Port of Entry, approximately seven miles to the west.

He predicted that Otay Mesa in the near future will equal San Ysidro's number of entrants, etc.

"As more and more people find us and with the Tijuana airport being close to us and the industrial expansion expected here, we should see tremendous growth," Tom said.

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"I just wish I could do more and more. I really ask God to give me knowledge and strength to do even more," said Oscar.

Among his biggest supporters are his wife, Carmen, and daughters, Claudia Monique, 19, and Karinna, nine. "I am just proud and thankful that my children will be raised here."

Also on his team are his co-workers. "They are making every effort possible to help me."

His biggest inspiration? His mother. "She always said to be nice and smile; it costs you nothing."

(Thanks to Administrative Officer Ken Pace, San Francisco District Office, who was a major contributor to this story.)

Border Patrol Pilots Are Cited For Service

The U.S. Border Patrol's air operations facilities were recognized by the Helicopter Association International with the McDonald Douglas Law Enforcement Award at a banquet on January 28, 1986 in Anaheim.

Mr. Edward J. Kennedy, Chief, Air Operations in El Paso, Texas, accepted the award on behalf of all Border Patrol pilots.

The award, presented for exemplary performance in advancing the concept of helicopter use in law enforcement, was the first award of this magnitude for the Border Patrol air operations, and the first under McDonald Douglas Corporation (previously named the Hughes Law Enforcement Award).

The U.S. Border Patrol pilots distinguished themselves throughout Fiscal Year 1985 by flying a total of 34,000 hours in all aircraft and assisting in the apprehensions of a total of 123,000 aliens along the U.S. boundaries from Florida to the West Coast of California.

Border Patrol helicopters contributed approximately 20 percent of the total flight hours, but accounted for over 60 percent of total alien apprehensions. The air operations was also commended for their outstanding contribution to the humanitarian cause and assistance to other law enforcement agencies.

Throughout 1985, they assisted, when called upon, to rescue flood victims; search and locate missing persons and hikers; track and locate escaped prisoners; and assisted air searches for missing aircraft. Most callouts required flying in darkness, undesirable weather, and adverse terrain.

Father, Son

Yuma Border Patrol Sector Anti-smuggling Agent Robert G. Champion, left, is all smiles shortly after his son, Robert R., right, graduated from the Border Patrol Academy. Young Robert is stationed at the Tacna Station in the Yuma Sector.

Mexican Economy

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natural decision given that U.S. wages are much higher than those in Mexico. The growing gap between U.S. and Mexican wages is, therefore, a good gauge of the volume of illegal Mexican migration. Only 9 percent of those interviewed listed a lack of work in their communities of origin as a reason for migrating.

He said Mexico is making a tremendous effort to reorder its economy, but it needs international cooperation to keep the situation from becoming smothering. It must be remembered, and stressed, that with further decreases in the prices of Mexico's export products and primary materials it could run the risk of serious social pressures. It bears mentioning, too, that in today's Mexico, having worked at least once in the United States is often considered a status symbol for rural youth in the country's center. Even those with steady jobs frequently opt for migration as a means of augmenting their income.

Vehicle Seizures Up

Vehicles seized from illegal alien smugglers in the Western Region during the first four months of Fiscal Year 1986 skyrocketed 41 percent over the same period last year.

Estimated value of the 1,734 vehicles seized during October-January of Fiscal Year 1986 was $3.7 million. A total of 1,228 vehicles valued at $2.4 million were seized during the same period of the previous fiscal year.

The record number of vehicle seizures is putting a dent in the smugglers' profits so much that they are resorting to different tactics, using stolen vehicles, rented vehicles or older, inexpensive cars in an effort to cut their losses.

Included in the 1986 seizures so far were 1,289 cars, 391 trucks and 54 other types of conveyances. Church or school buses as well as limousines are now also part of the fleet used by smugglers.

Gage Retires

Supervisory Special Agent William Gage of the Phoenix District Office retired in January after more than 30 years' Federal service. Above, Agent Gage, center, is being congratulated by Acting District Director Deborah Zuniga and Supervisory Special Agent Robert Montgomery. Agent Gage began his career as an immigration inspector in 1971 at Chula Vista following three-year tour with the military.

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